

REMARKS

In view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration of all pending claims is respectfully requested.

Claims 5 and 23 stand objected to under 37 CFR 1.75 as being a substantial duplicate of Claims 4 and 22, respectively. Applicant notes that dependent Claim 4 has been amended into independent Claim 1, dependent Claim 22 has been made into an independent Claim. Original dependent Claims 5 and 23 have also been made into independent Claims, and are patentable distinct from independent Claims 1 and 22, as amended, as they each only recite one electrically conductive portion, wherein each of independent Claims 1 and 22 recite at least two electrically conductive portions. Accordingly, this claim objection is believed to be overcome.

Claim 10 stands rejected under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph. Dependent Claim 10 and 28 have both been amended to recite that the exhaust port opposes the intake port. Applicant appreciates the Examiner drawing Applicant's attention to this issue.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Claims 4-5, 11, 13, 15-17, 19, 22-23, 26-31 and 33 are indicated as allowable as filed, or if rewritten to overcome the objections set forth in the Office Action. Each of these dependent claims have either been amended into independent form, or depend from an allowable independent claim, and a notice to this effect is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-3, 6-10, 12, 14, 18, 20-21, 24-25, 32, 34-39 stand rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by Sonobe et al. With respect to independent Claims 9 and 27 as filed, it is respectfully set forth that these dependent claims are patentably distinguished from this Japanese reference which fails to teach or suggest that the passageways funnel from the intake port to the output port. Support for this limitation is found in Applicant's specification on page 7 lines 13-16 and shown in Figure 7. Rather, this reference shows a plurality of parallel ducts 105 each having the same dimensions from the input port to the respective output port. Advantageously, the air is passed over a large surface area of the base 38, yet a small compact

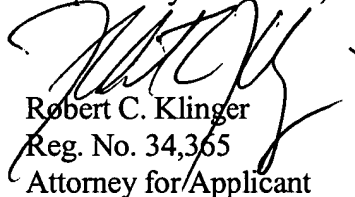
fan is utilized for drawing air across this large surface area. Accordingly, Claims 9 and 27 as filed and now drafted in independent form are believed to be allowable over the cited prior art, and a notice to this effect is respectfully requested.

A check in the amount of \$700.00 is included herewith to cover the additional fees for the independent claims submitted herewith. If any other fees are believed due, the Examiner is authorized to debit Applicant's Deposit Account Number 50-1752 as necessary.

All pending Claims 1-3, 5-8, 10-18, 20-26, and 28-39 are believed to be allowable over the cited prior art, and a notice to this effect is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner has any other matters which remain the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully Submitted,



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